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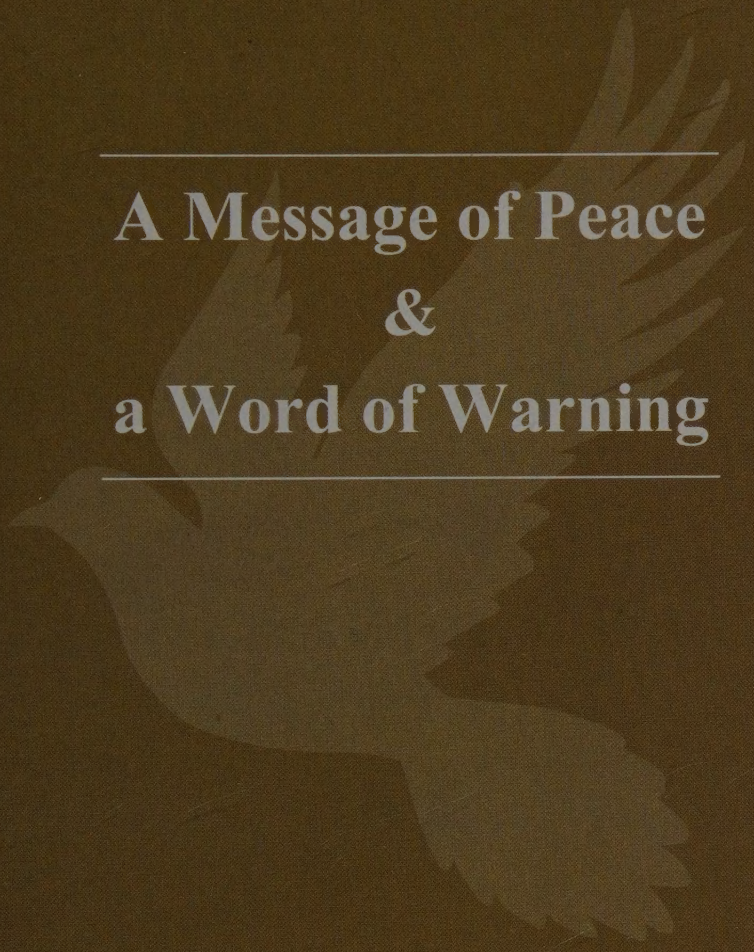

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ḥaḍrat Hafiz Mirza Nasir Ahmad[rh] M.A. (Oxon)–1909–1982–of blessed memory, the third Manifestation of Divine Providence, the Imam of the International Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at, the Voice Articulate of God, sign and fulfillment of His Promise and the Promised Grandson was elected as the third successor (Khalifa) of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi[as] on November 8, 1965 on the demise of his great and illustrious father, the second successor of the Promised Messiah[as], Ḥaḍrat Mirza Bashirud Din Mahmood Ahmad[ra], al-Muṣliḥ Ma'ūd (the Promised Reformer). He occupied this exalted spiritual station for seventeen years till his death, and as the Promised Grandson of the Promised Messiah[as], he was a Sign of Allah Who bestowed on him His special Graces and Favours from the time of his birth to his death. With his piety, grace and qualities of head and heart and of leadership, his was a larger than life personality. Earlier on as an alumnus of Govt. College (Lahore), Balliol (Oxford), as founder member and Principle of T.I.

College, as Head of Khuddām and Anṣār, as member of Academic Council and Senate of the Punjab University and as Patron of sports like Badminton, Basketball, Mountaineering, Rowing etc., he transformed and left his mark on whatever he touched. All the time the steel was being tempered as it were. Soon after his assuming the Supreme office, the storm broke. Religion was politicized in Pakistan and a reign of terror and persecution with government connivance and help was let loose against the innocent Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at, by the frenzied zealots led by the mullahs. In the backdrop of murder, looting and arson, he enjoined upon his followers to remain peaceful and calm and leave the result to the real Savior—God. He gave the Jamā'at the historic slogan: 'Love for all, hatred for none.' Nuṣrat Jahāṅ Scheme (Africa Leap Forward) is a standing monument to his deep love and concern for Africa in particular and for the poor, exploited, ignored and despised humanity in general. That like Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Ma'ūd[ra] he, too, had tender sense of nostalgia and affection for Spain is symbolised by the

foundation stone he laid of the first Ahmadiyya Muslim mosque there with such hope and longing! He wanted all to be righteous and charitable and to re-live Islam in its pristine purity, holding fast to the Holy Quran and the example of the Holy Prophet[sa].

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Foreword to the Present Edition

After having been elected as Khalīfatul Masīḥ III (the third successor of the Promised Messiah[as]), Ḥaḍrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad[rh], in the capacity of Khalīfatul Masīḥ, on his first visit to some countries of Europe and Africa delivered a public lecture on 28 July 1967 at the Wandsworth Town Hall, London, SW. It was later published under the title *A Message of Peace and a Word of Warning* by the Oriental and Religious Publishing Corporation Ltd Rabwah (Pakistan). No date of publication is given. However, I believe it was published immediately after Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ III[rh] returned to Pakistan. It was widely published all over the world, specially England. Ḥaḍrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad[rh], after making some preliminary remarks drew the attention of his audience by declaring, '*My message is of peace and harmony and of hope for mankind*'.

In this lecture he first introduces the Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at and the Movement itself. The lecture is a message of peace and hope for those who

believe in the Holy Prophet[sa] and the Promised Messiah[as], and who by believing in them believe in Islam in its pure and pristine form. Ḥaḍrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad[as], the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, was sent to the world by Allah in the fulfillment of the prophecies made about him by his master, the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa]. The Promised Messiah[as] was, according to the prophecies of the Holy Prophet[sa], to bring about the renaissance of Islam, unite the world in one umma (which would be achieved when Islam gains supremacy over all other faiths and ideologies) and to issue the last and final warning to the world that unless and until it mends its ways and turns to its Creator it would be destroyed and annihilated. But if it makes peace with its Creator by embracing true Islam, Allah will have mercy on it and will save it from the apocalyptic catastrophe which looms large over the world. Ḥaḍrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad[rh], in the later part of the lecture, elaborates on this theme and concludes his lecture with the wording of the Promised Messiah[as]:

'O Europe, you are not safe and O Asia, you too, are not immune. And O dwellers of Islands, no false gods shall come to your rescue. I see cities fall and settlements laid waste. The One and the Only God kept silent for long. Heinous deeds were done before His eyes and He said nothing. But now He shall reveal His face in majesty and awe. Let him who has ears hear that the time is not far. I have done my best to bring all under the protection of God, but it was destined that what was written should come to pass. Truly do I say, that the turn of this land, too, is approaching fast. The times of Noah shall reappear before your eyes and your own eyes will be witnesses to the calamity that overtook the cities of Lot. But God is slow in His wrath. Repent that you may be shown mercy! He who does not fear Him is dead not alive.'

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The name of Muhammad[sa], the Holy Prophet of Islam, has been followed by the symbol [sa], which is an abbreviation for the salutation (ﷺ) *Ṣallallāhu 'Alaihi Wasallam* (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). The names of other Prophets[as] and messengers are followed by the symbol [as], an abbreviation for (عليه السلام/عليهم السلام) *'Alaihissalām/ 'Alaihimussalām* (on whom be peace). The actual salutations have not generally been set out in full, but they should nevertheless, be understood as being repeated in full in each case. The symbol [ra] is used with the name of the Companions of the Holy Prophet[sa] and those of the Promised Messiah[as]. It stands for (رضي الله عنه/رضي الله عنها/رضي الله عنهم) *Raḍī Allāhu 'anhu/'anhā/ 'anhum* (May Allah be pleased with him/ with her/with them). [rh] stands for (رحمه الله) *Raḥimahullāhu Ta'ālā* (may Allah's blessing be on him). [at] stands for (ايده الله) *Ayyadahullāhu Ta'ālā* (May Allah, the Al-Mighty help him).

In transliterating Arabic words we have followed the following system adopted by the Royal Asiatic Society.

ا	at the beginning of a word, pronounced as *a*, *i*, *u* preceded by a very slight aspiration, like *h* in the English word 'honour'.
ث	*th*, pronounced like th in the English word 'thing'.
ح	*ḥ*, a guttural aspirate, stronger than h.
خ	*kh*, pronounced like the Scotch ch in 'loch'.
ذ	*dh*, pronounced like the English th in 'that'.
ص	*ṣ*, strongly articulated s.
ض	*ḍ*, similar to the English th in 'this'.
ط	*ṭ*, strongly articulated palatal t.
ظ	*ẓ*, strongly articulated z.
ع	‘, a strong guttural, the pronunciation of which must be learnt by the ear.
غ	*gh*, a sound approached very nearly in the r '*grasseye*' in French, and in the German r. It requires the muscles of the throat to be in the 'gargling' position whilst pronouncing it.
ق	*q*, a deep guttural k sound.
ء	’, a sort of catch in the voice.

Short vowels are represented by:

a for ـَـ (like *u* in 'bud');

i for ـِـ (like *i* in 'bid');

u for ـُـ (like *oo* in 'wood');

Long vowels by:

ā for ـا or آ (like *a* in 'father');

ī for ی ـِـ or ـِا (like *ee* in 'deep');

ū for و ـُـ (like *oo* in 'root');

Other:

ai for ی ـَـ (like *i* in 'site')♦;

au for و ـَـ (resembling *ou* in 'sound').

Please note that in transliterated words the letter 'e' is to be pronounced as in 'prey' which rhymes with 'day'; however the pronunciation is flat without the element of English diphthong. If in Urdu and Persian words 'e' is lengthened a bit more it is transliterated as 'ei' to be pronounced as 'ei' in 'feign' without the element of diphthong thus 'ے' is transliterated as 'Kei'. For the nasal sound of 'n' we have used the symbol

♦ In Arabic words like شیخ (Shaikh) there is an element of diphthong which is missing when the word is pronounced in Urdu.

'ń'. Thus Urdu word 'میں' is transliterated as 'meiń'.*

The consonants not included in the above list have the same phonetic value as in the principal languages of Europe.

We have not transliterated Arabic words which have become part of English language, e.g., Islam, Mahdi, Quran**, Hijra, Ramadan, Hadith, ulama, umma, sunna, kafir, pukka etc.

For quotes straight commas (straight quotes) are used to differentiate them from the curved commas used in the system of transliteration, ‘ for ع, ’ for ء. Commas as punctuation marks are used according to the normal usage. Similarly for apostrophe normal usage is followed.

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* These transliterations are not included in the system of transliteration by Royal Asiatic Society. [Publisher]

** Concise Oxford Dictionary records Quran in three forms—Quran, Qur'an and Koran. [Publisher]

As Head of the Ahmadiyya Movement I have the honour to occupy a spiritual office. In that capacity, I am charged with responsibilities which I am not permitted to lay aside at any time till I pass away. These responsibilities embrace all my fellow beings, every one of whom because of the fraternal bond, is dear to me.

Gentlemen, mankind finds itself at this moment at the brink of disaster. In that context I am the bearer of a momentous message for you and for all my brethren. Having regard to the occasion, I shall endeavour to make it brief.

My message is of peace and harmony and of hope for mankind. I earnestly hope that you will listen carefully to what I have to say and to ponder over it with an open and enlightened mind.

The year 1835 occupies a place of pride in the human calendar. In that year a child was born in Qadian, an obscure village in the north of India. For generations his forbears had ruled the area around Qadian with great distinction. But the great house had fallen on lean days and lost much of its glory. The child that was born was no ordinary child. He was destined to bring about a great revolution not only in the realm of the spirit but also in the realm of matter. He was named Ghulam Ahmad by his parents and later became known to the world as Ḥaḍrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadianī[as]. He was appointed by God as the Messiah and the Mahdi.

Family records indicate that he was born on February 13, 1835. It was an age of ignorance. Not many people in that part of India were fond of learning. Hardly a few could read and write. Often a letter would remain unread for want of a reader.

The tutors engaged for the instruction of this child were not very learned. They taught him to read the Holy Quran. But they were not competent enough to impart even rudimentary instruction in the

meaning and spiritual profundities of the Holy Book. They also gave him elementary instruction in Arabic and Persian. He learnt to read the two languages but did not acquire any proficiency in them. He studied some books on the indigenous system of medicine under the guidance of his father who was a renowned physician. This was the sum total of his formal education. True, he was fond of books and was usually occupied with reading them in his father's library. But as learning and scholarship were not much esteemed at the time, his father wanted him to assist him in managing his mundane affairs and to interest himself in them and win social esteem and popularity. Hence his father tried to dissuade him from his studies and warned him against becoming a bookworm.

It is clear that with such elementary education he could not have carried out the stupendous task entrusted to him by Allah. Therefore, Allah Himself became his guide and teacher and taught him the meaning of the Holy Quran, and the secrets of the spirit and of life. He illumined his mind with His own light and blessed him with the mastery

of the pen, and with beauty and sweetness of expression and helped him write scores of books of unsurpassed brilliance and to deliver discourses which are rich repositories of learning and spiritual knowledge.

The time of his birth had been foretold by the earlier Prophets[as] and found prominent mention in their sayings and scriptures. I would here mention only one such prophecy by the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa], Chief of the Prophets. He had prophesied about the Mahdi more than thirteen hundred years before that a number of false claimants to the office of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi would arise among the Muslims. None of them would be the true Mahdi, except one, who will be a true follower of the Holy Prophet[sa] and to establish the truth of his claim two great heavenly signs will appear. These signs will be the solar and lunar eclipses which shall take place in the same month of Ramadan. The lunar eclipse would occur on the first of the possible nights of such eclipses i.e. the 13th. The solar eclipse would occur on the second of the possible days of such eclipses i.e. the 28th.

The fixing of the month of Ramadan out of all the months of the year and again the fixing of definite dates of the eclipses was a mighty prophecy indeed. To foretell such a conjunction of events was to transcend beyond the limits of human knowledge. In fact when the time came the claimant actually appeared and declared himself to be the Mahdi and this was followed by the two heavenly signs—the two eclipses—as foretold with precision and exactitude. Most certainly this prophetic utterance of the Holy Prophet[sa], as events some thirteen hundred years later proved, was truly Divinely inspired and of superhuman origin.

The prophecy was fulfilled in this manner. The child who was born in 1835, declared in 1891 that he was the Promised Messiah and Mahdi[as]. In support of his claim he advanced numerous arguments and cited a large number of heavenly signs; and also presented to the world a number of his own prophecies some of which were fulfilled in his own time while the fulfilment of others took place later and continues to this day. The contemporary theologians rejected his claim. One of the reasons for

this rejection put forward by them was that the prophecy of the Holy Prophet[sa], namely, the one about the solar and the lunar eclipses which were to take place in a certain month and on certain dates and which was to be a sign of the truth of such a claimant, had not yet been fulfilled. Therefore, according to them, he could not be the true Mahdi. But the Omnipotent and Almighty God always keeps His promises and treats His sincere servants with love and constancy. In keeping with His promise and the prophecy of the Holy Prophet[sa], the solar and lunar eclipses took place in the exact month and on the exact dates in 1894 and thus manifested to the whole world that the God of Muhammad[sa] is All-powerful and Supreme. He showed this sign not once but twice, for it was repeated the following year in the western hemisphere. The two eclipses occurred in the precise month and on precise dates so that the people of the orient and the occident, of the new world and the old, should bear witness to the supreme glory and power of God and the truth of the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] and his spiritual son Ḥaḍrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad[as]. Great is

the Holy Prophet[sa] who made this prophecy on the basis of Divine knowledge and great is his spiritual son in whose person it was fulfilled.

From Muhammad[sa] to Ḥaḍrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad[as], in the course of thirteen hundred years, quite a few persons claimed to be Mahdis but the sun and the moon did not bear witness to the truth of anyone except in the case of Ḥaḍrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad[as]. This alone should be enough to make you consider, dispassionately and earnestly, and ponder over the claim of this claimant whose message I have the honour to convey to you this evening and by whose side the sun and the moon stood as eager witnesses to his truth and veracity.

So far about the sun and the moon; let us now, turn towards the earth and hear what it says. With the coming of the Promised Messiah and Mahdi[as] strange and extraordinary upheavals and revolutionary changes, both physical and spiritual, were bound to take place. In fact all the various revolutions and major historical changes are different dimensions of the same revolutionary process which was initiated with his

advent as Mahdi and Messiah and bear witness to his truth. What is more, these upheavals are taking place as predicted by the Holy Prophet[sa] and by the Promised Messiah[as]. Let me cite some examples.

During the early days of the mission of the Promised Messiah[as] there was no eastern country that could rival the might of the civilized and powerful nations of the West. Then in 1904 it was revealed to him that soon certain Eastern nations would emerge as important world powers challenging the supremacy of the West. Soon after Japan defeated Russia and established its claim as an eastern world power. Then, after the fall of Japan in World War II, China emerged as a great oriental power. The rise of these two nations as world powers changed the course of history and as the years go by their impact will be felt on an even vaster scale.

All this has happened in conformity with the Divine Will as revealed to the Promised Messiah[as].

Another important event of this age which profoundly influenced the whole world is the liquidation of the Czar and his

imperialist regime and the triumph of Communism. The Russian Revolution which seems to have changed the course of history took place exactly in keeping with the prophetic utterances of the Promised Messiah[as]. It was in 1905 that he prophesied, on the basis of Divine revelation, that the Czar of Russia and his family and their system of Government would face dire distress and be destroyed. It is a strange coincidence that within months of this prophetic announcement the foundation of a political party was laid which, some 12 or 13 years later, destroyed the monarchy and the royal house of the Czars. The eventual rise of Communism and its vast ramifications are too well known to need elaboration. Suffice it to say that the overthrow of the Czarist regime and the triumph of Communism in Russia and elsewhere is a tragic chapter of human history which makes painful reading but which can on no account be ignored. No country in the world, including your own, has been immune against its impact. But we are neither surprised nor upset at the way events have moved. Their intensity, speed, and direction

were all foretold by the Promised Messiah[as] and will be found in due time to have contributed materially to the consummation of the Divine scheme. It had been predicted, and the prediction was graphic and detailed, that in the days of the Mahdi and Messiah[as] two great powers would emerge and the world would be split into two hostile camps. No other power would be strong enough to challenge their supremacy. They would eventually clash and fight each other and perish in the process. This, however, is not the only war against which the Promised Messiah and Mahdi[as] warned. He prophesied five major catastrophes of world dimensions.

About the First World War, he declared that it would overtake the world suddenly. The world would be shocked. Travellers would be faced with great trouble. Rivers would turn red with blood. The young would be shocked into senility. Mountains would explode. The horrors of war would make people mad. It would be the time of the Czar's destruction. The seed of world communism would be sown. Fleets would be kept at combat ready. Great naval battles

would be fought. Empires would be overthrown and the cities would turn into graveyards.

This holocaust was to be followed by another world war of even vaster dimensions and deadlier consequences. This was to change the map of the world and reshape the destinies of nations. Communism was to appear as a world force and begin dictating terms. Vast areas were to fall under its sway. That is exactly what happened after the Second World War. Many countries of Eastern Europe turned communist and 700 million people of China followed. The emerging nations of Africa and Asia are greatly influenced by communism. The world is divided into two hostile camps, each armed to the teeth with the latest sophisticated weapons ready to hurl mankind into a burning hell of death and destruction.

The Promised Messiah[as] also prophesied that a third world war of even bigger dimensions would follow the Second. The two opposing camps will clash with such suddenness that every one will be caught unawares. Death and destruction will rain

from the sky and fierce flames shall engulf the earth.

The colossus of modern civilization will tumble to the ground. Both the communist and the opposing blocks will perish in the process. Russia and its satellites on the one hand and the US and its allies on the other, shall be destroyed, their might broken, their civilization ruined and their system shattered. The survivors shall stand aghast and amazed at the tragedy. Russia will recover sooner from the calamity than the West. The prophecy is clear that the Russian population will recover and multiply rapidly. They will be reconciled to their Creator and will accept Islam and the Holy Prophet[sa] of Islam. A people who are seeking to wipe out the name of God from the earth and to drive Him out of the skies will realize the folly of their ways and at long last submit to Him as staunch believers in His Unity and Oneness.

You may consider this a fantasy. But those who survive the third world war will witness and bear out the truth of what I have said. These are the words of God

Almighty. They shall be fulfilled. No one can avert His decree.

The end of the third world war will be the beginning of the triumph of Islam. People will accept its truth in large numbers and will realize that Islam alone is the true religion and that the emancipation of man is to be won through the message of Muhammad[sa] alone.

All these events are important landmarks in the history of man. The emergence of Japan and later of China as world powers on the oriental horizon, the complete annihilation of Czarist Russia, the triumph of communism and its growing influence in the world at large, the first great war that changed the map of the world and the Second World War which brought about a cataclysmic upheaval in the world, are no ordinary events. They happened as had been prophesied. We must remember that the Promised Messiah[as] fulfilled his mission and passed into the mercy of Allah on May 26, 1908. All these prophecies had been given wide publicity long before.

It is certain, therefore, that the revelation and prophecies about the ultimate and

universal triumph of Islam will also come to pass in their own good time. For they are links of the same chain.

The signs of the revival of Islam are already visible. They may not be very clear yet, but they are easily discernible. The sun of Islam will finally rise in its full splendour and illumine the world. But before that happens the world must experience another war—a bloodbath—that will leave mankind shaken and chastened.

But, gentlemen, let us not forget that this prophecy, like all prophecies, is a warning and its fulfilment can be delayed or even averted provided man turns to his Lord, repents and mends his ways. He can yet avert Divine wrath if he stops worshipping the false deities of wealth, power and prestige, establishes a genuine relationship with his Lord, refrains from all transgression, does his duty to God and man, and learns to work for true human welfare. It all depends on the nations that dominate the world today and who are intoxicated by the heady wine of wealth, power and prestige. Are they willing to shake off this state of

inebriation? Are they eager for spiritual bliss and happiness?

If not, Divine wrath is bound to descend. If they do not give up their evil ways and persist in their arrogance, no power and no false gods shall avail them aught against the promised chastisement.

Be kind, therefore, to your own selves and to your children! Listen to the voice of your Lord, Most Gracious, Ever Merciful. May He smile on you with compassion and grant you the strength and the opportunity to accept and to profit from the truth.

Now a word about the spiritual revolution which Ḥaḍrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad[as], the great spiritual son of the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] was destined to bring about. We must recall that at the time of his advent the world of Islam was passing through a period of extreme helplessness and decadence. Muslims were poor and ignorant. Industrially they were backward, and had lost their initiative in commerce and business. Political power had deserted them. Nowhere in the world did they enjoy real independence. Morally they were bankrupt and were suffering from an acute

sense of frustration. They had lost even the will to rise and join the living nations of the world. Islam was being attacked on all sides and there was no one to defend it. Christianity was the bitterest and the most active of its enemies. Its missionaries had gone out to all parts of the world, leading a bitter onslaught against Islam. Christian money and political power were ready and eager to help. Their main target was always Islam. Christianity was so confident of its victory that its advocates had triumphantly declared:

1. The continent of Africa was in their pocket.
2. There would not be a single Muslim left in India.
3. The time had come to hoist the flag of Christianity over Mecca.

As against all this Ḥaḍrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad[as] was alone, except for a few penniless Muslims who had gathered round him. He had no power, no money and no political backing. But He Who is Lord and Master of all was his Helper. It was He who commissioned him to proclaim to the world

that the days of the revival of Islam were at hand, and that the day was not far when Islam would triumph over all other faiths through its spiritual power.

A word of explanation, however, before I proceed further. Islam teaches and we Muslims all sincerely believe, that Jesus Christ[as] was a righteous Prophet of God and that his mother was a model of virtue. Both are spoken of in the Holy Quran as worthy of veneration; indeed Mary[as] is mentioned in the Holy Quran as an example of purity and is referred to more reverently there than in the Gospels. The Quran, however, condemns with the utmost severity, their exaltation into divinities by the Church. That, and the refusal of the Church to accept the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa] have become the sharp dividing lines between Church Christianity and Islam.

The Promised Messiah[as] wrote:

> **'I am constantly cogitating over the possibility of a decision between us and Church Christianity. My heart bleeds over the errors of worshipping the dead. For what could be more painful than that a humble human being should be worshipped as God, and a mere handful of dust be proclaimed as the Lord of all the worlds. I would**

have died of grief long before if God, Who is my Lord and Master, had not comforted me that the Unity of Allah will triumph in the end; all other deities will perish; false gods will be stripped of their alleged divinity; the period of Mary being worshipped as Mother of God will come to an end; and the doctrine of the divinity of her son too will die. God Almighty says (in the Holy Quran): '*If I so will, Mary and her son Jesus and all who inhabit the earth shall perish.*' Now, He has willed that the false divinity of both of them should suffer death. The two divinities, therefore, must die. No one can save them. With them shall die all those propensities which prompted obedience to false gods. There will be a new heaven and a new earth. The days are near when the sun of truth shall rise in the West and Europe shall come to know the true God. Thereafter the door of repentance shall close. For, those who desired to enter will have entered with eagerness. Only those will remain without whose hearts are sealed by nature, who love not light but darkness. All faiths shall perish except Islam, and all weapons shall break except the heavenly weapon of Islam which shall neither break nor be blunted until it smashes the forces of darkness into bits. The time is close at hand when the pure Unity of God that even dwellers of deserts who are ignorant of all faiths, feel in their hearts, will spread throughout. On that day no false redemption or false god shall survive. One blow of the Divine hand will nullify all machinations of disbelief, but not with the sword or the gun but

by means of enlightening a number of souls with Divine light and by imbuing pious hearts with Divine effulgence. Only then will you understand what I say.'

(Tablīgh-e-Risālat, Rūḥānī Khazā'in, Vol.4, pp. 8, 9)

Since these prophetic utterances were made the world of religion has been completely transformed. The vast continent of Africa instead of joining the ranks of Christianity is gathering under the banner of Islam. In India, the Christian missionaries fight shy of facing even inexperienced young Ahmadis. The wish of hoisting the Christian flag over Mecca remains and shall ever remain a vain desire.

The signs of the fulfilment of the prophecies about the victory of Islam are becoming more and more evident. I have just discussed the prophecy about the third world war after which Islam will triumphantly emerge in its full glory and I have also pointed out that this catastrophe can be averted through sincere contrition and by treading the path of virtue as taught by Islam. It is for you to choose and save yourselves and your children by establishing a true relationship with God based on

certainty and conviction, or to doom yourselves and your progeny to total annihilation by opting for paths that lead away from Him. The Divine Warner has warned you in the name of God and His Messenger the Holy Prophet Muhammad[sa]. He has done his duty. It is my prayer that God grant you the strength and courage to do your duty. Let me conclude in his [the Promised Messiah's[as]] own words:

> **"Remember, God has informed me of many earthquakes. Rest assured, therefore, that as earthquakes have shaken America and Europe so will they shake Asia. Some of them will resemble the Day of Doom. So many people shall die that rivulets of blood shall flow. Even the birds and the beasts will not be immune against this death. A havoc shall sweep the surface of the earth which shall be the greatest since the birth of man. Habitations shall be demolished as if no one had ever lived in them. This will be accompanied by many other terrible calamities which the earth and the heavens will send forth, till their extraordinary nature will become evident to every reasonable man. All the literature of science and philosophy shall fail to show their like. Then mankind will be sorely distressed and wonder what is going to happen. Many shall escape and many perish. The days are near, in fact, I can see them close at hand, when the world**

shall witness a terrible sight. Not only earthquakes but also many fearsome calamities shall overtake man, some from the skies and some from the earth. This will happen because mankind have stopped worshipping their true God and have become lost in the affairs of the world with all their heart and their effort and their intent. If I had not come these afflictions would perhaps have been delayed a little. But with my coming the secret purposes of an affronted God which were hidden so far, became manifest. Says God: 'We never punish unless We send a Messenger.' Those who repent shall find security and those who fear before calamity overtakes them shall be shown mercy. Do you think you will be immune from these calamities? Or can you save yourselves through artifice or design? Indeed not. That day all human schemes shall fail. Think not that earthquakes visited America and other continents, but that your own country shall remain secure. Indeed, you may experience a greater hardship. O Europe, you are not safe and O Asia, you too, are not immune. And O dwellers of Islands, no false gods shall come to your rescue. I see cities fall and settlements laid waste. The One and the Only God kept silent for long. Heinous deeds were done before His eyes and He said nothing. But now He shall reveal His face in majesty and awe. Let him who has ears hear that the time is not far. I have done my best to bring all under the protection of God, but it was destined that what was written should come to pass. Truly do I say, that the turn of this

land, too, is approaching fast. The times of Noah shall reappear before your eyes and your own eyes will be witnesses to the calamity that overtook the cities of Lot. But God is slow in His wrath. Repent that you may be shown mercy! He who does not fear Him is dead not alive."

(Ḥaqīqatul Waḥī, Rūḥānī Khazā'in, Vol. 22, pp. 268,269)

Our last word is: All praise belongs to Allah, the Lord of the worlds.

A Message of Peace & a Word of Warning

Ḥaḍrat Mirza Nasir Ahmadrh, Khalīfatul Masīh III (the third successor of the Promised Messiahas), in the capacity of Khalīfatul Masīh, on his first visit to some countries of Europe and Africa delivered a public lecture on 28 July 1967 at the Wandsworth Town Hall, London. It was later published under the title *A Message of Peace and a Word of Warning* and is being presented here again.

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